

HIGHLIGHTS

MORE FAME FOR THE FAMOUS Jazz at Lincoln Center is to announce today the induction of the first 14 musicians into its Ertegun Jazz Hall of Fame in the organization's new home in the Time Warner Building at Columbus Circle. The first inductees are Louis Armstrong, left, Sidney Bechet, Bix Beiderbecke, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gilles-



pie, Coleman Hawkins, Billie Holiday, Thelonious Monk, Jelly Roll Morton, Charlie Parker, Art Tatum and Lester Young. Relatives and friends of the inductees will accept the awards, to be given by musicians including Herbie Hancock, Hank Jones, Clark Terry, Randy Weston and Jazz at Lincoln Center's artistic director, Wynton Marsalis. The hall of fame is a gift of Ahmet Ertegun — a Jazz at Lincoln Center board member and a founding chairman of Atlantic Records — and his wife, Mica. They have named it in honor of Nesuhi Ertegun, Ahmet's late brother, another initial partner in Atlantic records and an important advocate for jazz in journalism, education and recordings.

"Originally, I thought it would be nice to have a space where people could see and hear the great pioneers of jazz, a place depicting the history," Mr. Ertegun said in an interview. "But our board said that in America, a hall of fame is a draw for the public, especially for non-New Yorkers, and I agreed with them. This is a small space, but it will celebrate the great people of jazz, and give jazz fans a locus." The musicians were chosen by a 72-member panel of educators, musicians and scholars. The Hall of Fame, which will be free and opens to the public on Oct. 21, includes interactive kiosks, touch-activated virtual plaques and a video wall, all centered on changing exhibitions.

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